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OCTOBER 11, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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CONSCRIPTION RATE INCREASES IN NORTH VIETNAM: WELL OVER 200
MESSAGES REFLECTING THE INDUCTION OF INDIVIDUALS INTO THE ARMED
FORCES WERE INTERCEPTED DURING SEPTEMBER ON NORTH VIETNAM'S CIVIL
COMMUNICATIONS NET. THIS IS THE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER OBSERVED IN
A SINGLE MONTH. THE NEXT HIGHEST COUNT WAS ABOUT 150 IN DECEMBER,
1971. SUCH MESSAGE COUNTS PROVIDE ONLY A ROUGH INDICATION OF
CONSCRIPTION RATES, BUT THE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH VOLUME SEEMS TO
INDICATE THAT THE SEPTEMBER CALL-UP WAS A LARGE ONE.

EMERGENCY RICE SHIPMENTS CONSIDERED FOR CAMBODIA: CAMBODIA
MAYBE FORCED TO RESORT TO AN EMERGENCY DOMESTIC AIRLIFT FOR
THE SECOND TIME IN LITTLE OVER A MONTH TO HELP STAVE OFF ANOTHER

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ACCESSIONS IN PHNOM PENH. THE CONTINUING INTERDICTION OF
TRAFFIC IS PREVENTING SOME 12,500 TONS OF MUCH-NEEDED BAT-
TAMANG RICE, ABOUT TWO WEEK'S SUPPLY AT CURRENT DISTRIBUTION RATE,
FROM REACHING THE CAPITAL.

TO PREVENT PHNOM PENH STOCKS FROM FALLING TO DUTY'S LEVELS
BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE CAMBODIANS WERE

12-77. TO PHNOM PENH. DURING THE COURSE OF LAST
THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO AIRLIFT ONLY SOME 15-20 TONS
DAILY FROM BATTAMANG -- LESS THAN HALF THE AMOUNT SCHEDULED
AND ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF PHNOM PENH'S REQUIREMENTS.

CHINA WANTED TO ENCOURAGE
OVERSEAS CHINESE TO DEPOSIT ASIA DOLLARS WITH THE BANK OF CHINA
AND THAT IT EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO ACCUMULATE ABOUT HALF OF THE
U.S. \$30 BILLION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN ASIA DOLLARS.

PODGORNY ON THE U.S. AND THE VIETNAM WAR: SOVIET PRESIDENT
PODGORNY CONDEMNED THE U.S. FOR "RUTHLESS METHODS" IN INDOCHINA
AND REITERATED SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST PROPOSALS FOR A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. SPEAKING AT A STATE DINNER FOR THE SHAH
OF IRAN, PODGORNY UNDERSCORED THE SOVIET POSITION, SAYING THAT
THE SOVIET UNION BELIEVED "THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS PUT FORTH
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE

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PRG OFFER A GOOD BASIS FOR A FAIR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN LINE
WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF
THE AREA."

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